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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE HELD IN NASHVILLE, TENN.



Chow Line at Annual Meeting

Historic Jubilee Hall at Fisk University, Nashville, was the setting for the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference United Church of Christ.

Despite the lack of some important street signs (were the city fathers trying to tell us something?) and the fact that the registration desk was relocated at the last moment (perhaps Fisk was saying something, too), we did arrive, we carried on our business, we laughed and met and listened and ate and worshipped and wept together — we hope we also grew together — and we returned home with new experiences stored in our memories.

WE ARRIVED — by plane, camper, and car, beginning about 10:30 a. m. on Friday and until Saturday evening (some were arriving even after some others had left).

WE CARRIED ON OUR BUSINESS — The host churches helped prepare displays, erected signs, set up the refreshment bar, registered delegates and visitors, stuffed delegates' packets, and you name it! On Friday night the Resolutions, Finance, and Executive Committees met until all hours. On Saturday, resolutions were passed, officers were elected. And on Sunday, the 1972 budget was discussed and acted upon.

WE LAUGHED — Several serious occasions nevertheless provided humor. Then at the Reunion of Ole Thermometer U, special music was provided and several degrees were conferred, including Annie Campbell's receiving a "bachelor".

Jim Hargett led serious and funny fellowship singing. At the youth caucus held at Brookmeade Church, thirty young people and adults kicked off their shoes, acted out a trust circle, played "Killer", and made a lot of noise in the yellow and purple striped Youth Room.

WE MET — and met — and met! — as a total conference, in committees, in rap sessions with our guest leaders, over breakfast, lunch and supper, in informal groups over coffee, in youth officers' gatherings, in the lounges, and no doubt, even in the bathrooms. We talked and fellowshiped and planned and dreamed.

WE LISTENED — Whether presentations or speeches, we listened until our ears and minds ached. Lew Maddocks helped us "Think the Unthinkable", Hedwig Schaeffer interpreted the church's overseas mission, Hal Miller brought us up to date on activities of the Executive Council, Jim Hargett challenged our commitment to relevant ministries among black people, and Mrs. Nelson Fuson shared her frustrations at the Paris Peace Talks.

WE ATE — Sometimes the chow line at Spence Hall was long. We used this time to visit among ourselves or get acquainted with Fisk students. With so much food at our disposal, we probably ate too much, but we enjoyed it. The Moore children from Atlanta want to attend Fisk "because they serve such good breakfasts."

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IN MEMORIAM Rev. G. Franklin Lewis Dies Unexpectedly In Nashville

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 16, for the Rev. G. Franklin Lewis, pastor of First Congregational Church, Montgomery, Ala., for nearly twenty-five years. Dr. W. J. Andes gave the eulogy, Dr. Homer C. McEwen read the scripture, and the Rev. Andrew Cooper read scriptures during the processional and recessional and led the prayer. Burial was in Eternal Rest Cemetery with military honors.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis passed unexpectedly in Nashville, Tenn., while attending the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting there.

He was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he received his early education. High school days were spent at Southern Christian Institute in Mississippi. He furthered his education at Alabama State University and Harvard University Divinity School. He was a veteran of World War II and held the rank of

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TOP, l to r: Mrs. Donald Goodwin, K. C. Johnson, Chester Moncus, Mrs. K. C. Johnson, Jim Humphrey, Miss Annie Campbell, Donald Flick, Mrs. Theodore Braun.



BOTTOM, l to r: Donald Orander, Mary Jean Orander, John Roemer, Annie Campbell.

Clergy Convocation "Coalesces"

The timeworn cliché, "A good time was had by all", is woefully inadequate to describe the Ministers' and Wives' Convocation held at Callaway Gardens, Ga., May 10-12, 1971. Deans McEwen and Blankenhorn enrolled a few more "fortunate" souls into Ole Thermometer U.; it was a scream!

On the other side of the theological perspective, Dr. Chester Marcus, the Rev. George Nishimoto, the Rev. John DeBoer, and Chaplain Allen Hollis gave our minds and spirits a thorough workout.

Dr. Marcus, regional secretary for the Board for World Ministries for Africa, enabled us to re-examine our commitment.

George Nishimoto, secretary for Church Vocations for the Council for Church and Ministry, challenged us to face up to the Sermon on the Mount in an inescapable manner: not "what can you say about it?" but "what does this say to specific people; like, if you were a chaplain in Vietnam, how would you preach the Beatitudes?"

John DeBoer, chairman of the Dept. of Church Building and Development of the Board for Homeland Ministries, raised the matter of "planning" with us, asking us about our "goal-setting

DELEGATES PREPARE FOR GENERAL SYNOD

At the Annual Meeting in Nashville there was mounting evidence that the Southeast Conference delegates to General Synod were doing their homework.

Hal Miller of the Executive Council met with delegates and others interested in U. C. C. issues. There was lively conversation about matters to be taken up at the Grand Rapids session, and conference participants were confronted with questionnaires expressing their views.

Although the official delegation numbers only three — Andrew Cooper, Jackie Shrago, and Peggy Hall — it is likely that the Southeast Conference will be vocal. We'll be interested to know what happens, and will pass the word on to **Southeast News** readers.

procedures of achievement and evaluation."

Allen Hollis, pastor of Langdale, Ala., church, led us in devotional studies of the parable of the Sower and the Seeds in a "down to earth" manner, which was both enticing and rewarding.

While this convocation was very enjoyable for those of us who attended, all were aware of the absence of a large number of pastors and their wives who could not attend because of work schedules. We hope a similar opportunity on a Saturday can be arranged for these pastors and their wives.

We are most grateful to our leadership for their contributions; to the Board for World Ministries for making Dr. Marcus available to us; the Council on Church and Ministry for Mr. Nishimoto; and the Board for Homeland Ministries for Mr. DeBoer; and to the Lay Life and Work Family Thank Offering Scholarship program which made our convocation possible financially.

Next year's convocation will be at Callaway Gardens May 8-10, 1972, with the committee being S. Lawrence Johnson, chairman; Mrs. Floyd Carmack, Warren Blankenhorn, Neil Mosley, and Walter Hall.

Thanks for all the work done this year by our conference staff and the committee: G. Franklin Lewis, Mrs. Walter Hall, Mrs. David Beebe, Annie Campbell, and Don Flick.

— Don Orander, Chairman



MRS. W. WALTER HALL

1971-73 Officers Elected

Mrs. W. Walter ("Peggy") Hall of Lanett, Ala., became moderator of the Southeast Conference as a result of the election held at the Annual Meeting June 12-13. Under the new provisions of the Constitution Mrs. Hall will be the first moderator elected to serve a two-year term.

Wife of the pastor of Lanett Congregational Christian Church, "Peggy" is also a leader in her own right, having served as an officer of Church Women United and in various offices in the East Alabama and Alabama-Northwest Florida Women's Fellowships.

Other officers elected include: moderator-elect, Wallace Boothby, Birmingham, Ala.; recording secretary, Rev. Donald B. Orander, Nashville, Tenn.; treasurer, Norris Connally, Atlanta, Ga. Past moderator is William R. Green Jr., Huntsville, Ala.

Members-at-large to the Board of Directors are: Rev. John T. Enwright, Charleston, S. C. (1972); Mike Granish, Atlanta, Ga. (1973); and Rev. Arnold Slater, Chattanooga, Tenn. (1974).

Commission coordinators and assistant coordinators are: CHURCH AND MINISTRY, Dr. David Beebe, Rome, Ga., and Dr. S. L. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.; EDUCATION, J. K. Murphy, Pine Mountain, Ga., and Miss Maria Brown, Atlanta, Ga.; OUT-REACH, Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, Huntsville, Ala., and Arthur Shores, Birmingham, Ala.

Southeast Conference Friends In The News



DR. A. R. VAN CLEAVE

"DEAN VAN" HONORED BY SOUTHERN UNION

Double honors have been heaped on Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, former dean and faculty member at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Ala. In addition to delivering the last baccalaureate sermon at the college (beginning in 1972 there will be no separate baccalaureate service), he has also been named dean emeritus of the institution.

"Dean Van", as he is respectfully and affectionately called, has given many years of dedicated service to Southern Union and the community it serves. In 1932 he came to Wadley to serve the school as a coach and teacher. Following several years at Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., during which time he served variously as head of the Department of Education, as dean, and as president of that institution, he returned in 1952 to Southern Union to become dean of the college and also to serve on the faculty. Although he retired in 1964 from active participation in the school's academic program, he retains great interest there. He continues also to be pastor of Wadley Congregational Christian Church, United Church of Christ.

Dr. Van Cleave is married to the former Miss Jewell Truitt of Burlington, N. C., they are parents of three children: Mrs. Eric Brown, Dr. Albert Van Cleave, and Dr. Johnny Van Cleave.

Rev. Abraham L. Walker Dies In N. C. At Age 102

Funeral services were held in Talladega, Ala., on Sunday, May 30, for Rev. Abraham Lincoln Walker Sr., who died in Wilson N. C.

Born in September 1868 in Decatur, Ala., the Rev. Mr. Walker was a graduate of Alabama A & M University. He later studied theology at Talladega College and Virginia Union University. For several years he was pastor of the First Congregational Church, Talladega. He also taught in the Alabama school system and was principal of Renfro School for five years. In later years he served as supply pastor for several Wilson, N. C., churches.

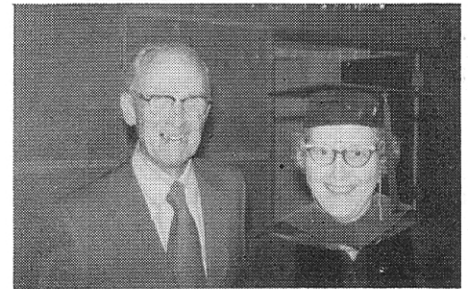
The Rev. Mr. Walker was married in 1903 to the late Miss Flora Idella Walker. They were parents of eight children. Survivors include a brother, Mr. Bluit Walker, Hillsboro, Ala.; a sister, Mrs. Janie Nawharo, Landersville, Ala.; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Morris of Jacksonville, Fla.; five sons, Dement, Edenton, N. C., Ira H. of Talladega, Arnold, George, and David, all of Wilson, N. C., Abraham Jr. of Norfolk, Va.; ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Even as our sympathy goes to the family, we rejoice in the heavenly victory of this man whose career was long and distinguished.

Rufus G. Obrecht Retires

After thirty-three years with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht was honored at a reception given recently by the communication engineering and design branch of that agency. A few days later he and Mrs. Obrecht celebrated his retirement in their own way by taking a trip to Hawaii.

Rufus, as he is known to many friends of the Southeast Conference, lives on Signal Mountain, Tenn., and is a member and church clerk of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga. But his interests are not confined to his local congregation. He has served as moderator of the former Southeast Convention, has been active in Men's Fellowship and Lay Life Work programs, and is now a member of the Board of Directors of Uplands Retirement Center.



DRS. F. C. AND EMILY LESTER

Two Doctors In Lester Household

Upon receiving congratulations for being the second in her family to be awarded an honorary Doctor's degree recently, Mrs. F. C. (Emily) Lester remarked, "Yes, but neither of us can roll a pill."

Nevertheless the Doctor of Humane Letters degree awarded to Mrs. Lester by Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., is well deserved, as was her husband's Doctor of Divinity degree of a few years ago. Both have been tireless servants of Christ for many years in the United Church of Christ and on the Congregational Christian side prior to the merger.

Known and loved by many of our people in the Southeast Conference, Mrs. Lester works with conference and association groups of laymen and laywomen from Virginia to Texas in her role as associate secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

In addition to her leadership at many meetings, she edits the national **Lay Leaders Bulletin**, a quarterly which goes to 15,000 persons across the United States. She is also an editor of **Lay Resources** packet, used by U. C. C. organizations. For two years she served as editor of the **Newsletter** of the North Carolina Church Women United.

The Drs. Lester, who have three children (Mrs. Yosuke Yamamori, Mrs. Paul Robinson, and Harry Lester), make their home in High Point, North Carolina, where Dr. Mrs. Lester also has her office and where Dr. Mr. Lester serves First U. C. C. Church.

Our congratulations on this honor and best wishes for many more years of devoted service to Christ and His church.

A SUMMER-Y OF OPPORTUNITIES

ANDERSON CREEK TO OFFER FIVE CAMPS

This year camps for junior through senior high young people are being offered in North Alabama at Anderson Creek Camp, near Rogersville.

JULY 11-17, JUNIOR HIGH CAMP for those entering grades 7, 8, 9.

JULY 18-24, JUNIOR CAMP for those entering grades 4, 5, 6.

JULY 25 - 31, KUMBAYAH CAMP (special camp for those entering grades 7, 8, 9 who could benefit from camp but who, for family or financial reasons, would be unable to participate. Churches and individuals are urged to subsidize with a \$25.00 scholarship for a boy or girl with special needs.)

AUGUST 1-7, JUNIOR CAMP.

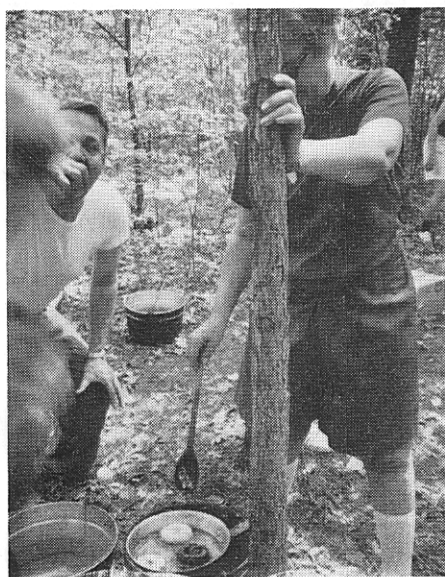
AUGUST 8-14, SENIOR HIGH CAMP for those completing grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

Write or telephone Southeast Conference office for registration and health forms.



Junior And Junior Hi Camps At Ozone

Camp Ozone, Tennessee, has facilities for a well-rounded camping experience. There is a beautiful stone chapel, a 15-acre lake, cabins, canvas shelters, and access to thousands of acres of wilderness for trips, in addition to the 250-acre camp property. Meals may be served in the dining hall, groups may "cook out", or may have meals delivered from the kitchen



Mrs. Carl Sanford and Friends

Camps Do Not Run Themselves

Anyone who knows anything about camping realizes the importance of effective leadership. Camps do not just run themselves!

All of the camps — Ozone, Roosevelt State Park, and Anderson Creek — need adult leadership as counselors for one-week periods:

If you have special skills (art, camping skills, sports, music, etc.), so much the better. Ability to communicate with young people is essential.

The hours are long, but rewarding. The pay is minimal (only board and room), but also rewarding as you help others "open up".

Training opportunities will be offered. Write or call Rev. Emilie F. Pit-

in thermal containers.

At Ozone, "church camping involves a Christian community where living and learning in the out-of-doors provides maximum opportunity for the individual's growth and development. Schedules are as follows:

JUNIOR I (for persons completing grades 4, 5, and 6), July 11-16.

JUNIOR II, July 18-23.

JUNIOR HIGH I (for persons completing grades 7, 8, and 9), July 18-23.

JUNIOR HIGH II, July 25-30.

Write or call the Southeast Conference office for Camp Ozone '71 information, registration and health forms.

Roosevelt Park Campers Registering

Several applications have already come to the Southeast Conference office for the JUNIOR and JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS to be held at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga., Aug. 8-14. This marks the first time in several years when so many applications have been received this early.

Although meeting on the same site and sharing the dining room, the two camps are housed independently and have separate programs. Creative Christian growth experiences are featured, under competent directors and counselors.

Roosevelt State Park provides a picturesque and comfortable setting for swimming, hiking, softball and other outdoor activities, as well as an atmosphere in which to think, and plan, and create!

One interested family has provided a campership for one or two campers whose families could not otherwise pay the enrollment. Perhaps other readers or church groups can help in this way. Both early registrations and camperships are being encouraged.

Prospective campers should send for registration and health forms early to avoid disappointment! — "for the best week in your life."

A-V Catalog Now Available

The 1971-72 Audio Visual Resource Catalog made its first appearance at the Alabama Fellowship meeting. It also showed up at the Southeast Conference.

A copy is yours for the asking. Write to the Southeast Conference office.

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Sr. Saturnino Pena Flores, administrator of Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao, P. R., here talks with directors of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

"Loyalty To God Through Service To Man"

Dr. John A. Smith, medical director of Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao, Puerto Rico, describes Ryder's unique role this way, "We Christian doctors have the duty and the obligation to demonstrate our loyalty to God through service to humanity."

Founded by the American Missionary Association (now a part of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries), Ryder Hospital serves a wide area of Southeastern Puerto Rico. Directly, the hospital not only provides for the needs of ninety inpatients, but also cares for thousands of outpatients each year through an extensive clinic arrangement.

Ryder also provides a forty-bed convalescent unit — one of the few in Puerto Rico to qualify under Medicare — and a school of practical nursing. In addition, the nearby Humacao campus of the University of Puerto Rico utilizes Ryder's facilities for its two-year nurses' training program.

At present, Ryder is in the midst of a major campaign to replace its main buildings and to provide adequate staff housing. The new building will have a capacity of 139 beds, an intensive care unit, and a more adequate emergency department. A new out-patient day clinic will enable Ryder to shorten the long lines of men, women, and child-

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL OFFERED AT BOGGS

If you want to sharpen skills as a teacher, pastor, or concerned church leader, the LEADERSHIP SCHOOL at Boggs Academy, Keysville, Ga., is for you!

Air conditioned classrooms and sleeping rooms will provide the physical climate, tasty food will fill the "inner man", fellowship opportunities will help to achieve a sense of community, and the convocation and other worship experiences will lend spiritual depth.

CLASSES: Teacher Education (kindergarten through grade 10), Skillshop in Lay Education for Lay Leaders and Planners, Pastoral Resourcing, What Every Church Officer Should Know, The Bible Speaks to You, and Issues and Events and the Christian's Response.

A GREAT AND MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL CONCERNED CHURCHMEN!

For further information and detailed pamphlet, write the Southeast Conference office.

Men's Fellowship Launches Project

At their May 29 meeting in Elder Church, the East Alabama-West Georgia Men's Fellowship agreed to raise \$1,000 to award the "Outstanding Young Person of the Year" a trip to the Holy Land with the LaGrange College tour group headed by Dr. David McCook, professor of Biblical studies.

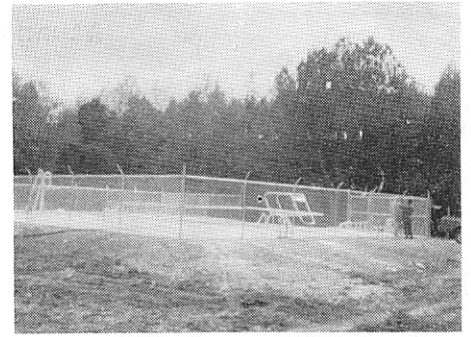
The experience will include a month in Israel living and working on a Kibbutz (communal farm) during the morning. Afternoons would be spent touring the country.

Show U\$ Where The Money Goe\$

The Division of Church Extension of our Board for Homeland Ministries annually budgets more than \$33,000 for specialized mission agencies. The largest amount, \$15,000, goes to the Mississippi Delta Ministry.

This ministry petitioned the federal government for \$24.4 million in legal

aid for Medicaid and welfare that was not used by the Mississippi State Welfare Department last year be given to private agencies which are equipped to meet the needs of the poor.



DORCHESTER CENTER POOL COMPLETED

If you regard a swimming pool as an expensive luxury, then you're only half right. Although expensive, it is not a luxury in the Dorchester Center area of eastern Georgia. The weather is hot and humid, the insects are altogether too friendly, and the beach is many miles distant.

Thus we rejoice with the Dorchester Improvement Association which has realized a long-held vision of a swimming pool for the Center. Although the full story has yet to be told, the pool has been dedicated and is in use, even to the completion of a bath house.

The local people have involved many persons, organizations, and churches in raising funds; however, many more donations are urgently needed. If you, your friends, or your church can help, send donations marked "Swimming Pool Fund" to Dorchester Improvement Association, Inc., R. R. 1, Box 45, McIntosh, Ga. 31317.

Mrs. Gloria Hollis Graduated From Auburn

At the June 8 commencement exercises of Auburn University, Mrs. Allen (Gloria) Hollis, "queen of the Langdale parsonage," was graduated with honors.

Mrs. Hollis had finished the first two years of college at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tenn., in 1955. After thirteen years and three children, she returned to college and earned her degree. She is now under contract to the West Point, Ga., school system as choral director and music teacher.

aid for Medicaid and welfare that was not used by the Mississippi State Welfare Department last year be given to private agencies which are equipped to meet the needs of the poor.



Ladies enjoying picnic supper on steps of Elder Hall.

Alabama Fellowship Now Co-Educational

Time was when only women attended the Annual Meetings of the Alabama Women's Fellowship — that is, unless some men were cajoled to come either as leaders or as chauffeurs.

All that is changed! The sixty-one in attendance June 5 at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Ala., included several men in addition to leaders and chauffeurs.

We heard presentations by three guest leaders from Liberia on the African continent. They talked about political issues, marriage customs, the history and government of Liberia, and other pertinent information. Lively questions were asked, and equally lively answers were given.

We engaged in Bible study. Utilizing SOUL FOOD, a Lay Life and Work piece, we found new ways of opening up the Scriptures.

We took a look at how what we say relates to our real commitment. We faced hard questions which are not satisfied with easy answers.

We heard ideas about making our churches more attractive with flowers and other decorations.

We worshipped — in the morning under the leadership of East Tallassee women using a service from the new laity book, *Do According to Your Faith*, and in the evening under the leadership of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, featuring the film, *The Stringbean*.

We elected officers and began thinking about what we want to do during the coming year.

We ate — in the new dining room at lunch time and near the lake at supper time, thanks to the efforts of Russell Woods people.

It was a great day! If you were there you'll probably agree. If you

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR TAKES ACTION

At a called meeting, June 6, Church of the Savior people acted to undertake the following:

I. Approved plans submitted by the Building Committee for construction of a new first-unit church facility near the existing church-house.

II. Agreed to share the church-house facility with the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA), beginning no later than September 1, 1971.

III. Approved an agreement for a working arrangement with Uplands Retirement Center for ministering to the aging.

IV. Voted to proceed making arrangements with Westminster Presbyterian Church to share their building until the new facilities are completed.

V. Approved the establishment of a non-profit U. C. C. corporation to work as a task force charged with the responsibility of administering the church-house facility and helping to develop community.

Although many days and months of hard work and decision-making still lie ahead, the congregation is moving ahead both to strengthen its own life and to reach out into the community in Christ's name.

'Chime Times' Off The Press

The *Southeast News* has some more welcomed competition. Sponsored by the Senior UCY of First Church, Phenix City, Ala., the first issue of *Chime Times* has just come to our attention at the Southeast Conference office. Editor is Rick Kennedy and co-editor is Danny Ryals.

Volume One, Number One is a five-page publication. In addition to an editorial on the history of First Church, there are other interesting columns: "What If", "Did You Know?", "Mystery Personality", "Getting to Know You" (featuring Mrs. Earl Williams in May), "Wishing Well", "Seen and Heard", "Congratulations", "Birthdays", "From the Pastor's Desk", and several other newsy and inspirational columns.

We congratulate the young people on their ambitious project and hope it continues.

missed it, make plans now to attend next year.



L to R: Mrs. John Dollar and Mrs. J. K. Murphy measure food in the kitchen.



Beauties on the dock!

E. Ala. - W. Ga. Youth Hold Spring Rally

"Youth's Involvement with Drugs" was the theme of the E. Ala. - W. Ga. Rally held April 16-18 at Roosevelt State Park. Following supper, which everyone brought from home, the Lanett pastor, Rev. W. Walter Hall, showed a film on the rebuilding of that church. Hillside, LaGrange, youth led vespers.

On Saturday morning everybody awoke ready to enjoy breakfast, which was prepared by ladies from different churches. Oak Grove youth led morning devotions. At a special meeting of the association youth officers, the graduation banquet was discussed. It was decided to hold it May 22 at Lanett Church.

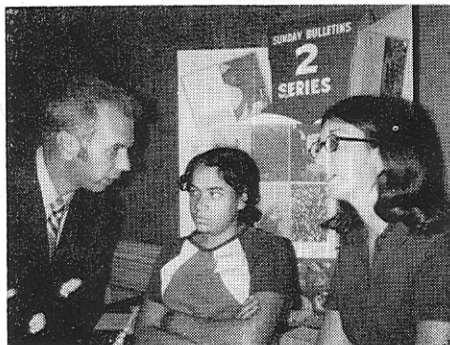
The program on drugs included the showing of some films and a talk by Investigator Wiborn of Ft. Benning, as well as a presentation by a former drug user who was a student at West Georgia College.

On Sunday morning following breakfast Miss Charlene Bowen led a song service and Mr. J. K. Murphy talked to us a little bit about drugs. After lunch everybody was dismissed to leave for home.

—Debbie Benefield, Reporter



Retiring Moderator, Wm. R. Green Jr.



Don Orander, Terry Edwards and Jaci Chetelat talk it over.

Fifth Annual . . .

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WE WORSHIPPED — Chaplain Arnold Slater caused us to examine our motives and our commitment in his brief and thoughtful devotional services. The Sunday morning sermon by Lew Maddocks brought into focus many matters which we had come to feel but had not been able to verbalize. And the choir of our Nashville churches, directed by Mary Jean Orander, added meaning to our togetherness.

WE WEPT — sometimes inwardly as we recognized our failure to live up to our calling in Christ. But we wept openly and unashamedly when our own Rev. G. Franklin Lewis, pastor of First Church, Montgomery, became ill and died on Sunday morning near the close of the conference. Many of us who had particularly enjoyed his presence during the weekend asked each other "Why?" But physical laws which we do not understand took their toll, and G. Franklin Lewis quickly moved from the company of the visible witnesses to the company of the invisible.

WE PRAY THAT WE ALSO GREW TOGETHER — The Fisk University campus provided a relevant climate of togetherness. Circumstances of housing, meeting, and eating brought us physically close. Many of us felt an increased drawing together — rural, suburban

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1972

The following budget for 1972 was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference June 13, 1971:

INCOME

Our Christian World Mission (churches)	\$63,000.	
Church Extension — B. H. M.	28,500.	
Southeast News	500.	
Per Capita Dues (associations)	1,000.	
Interest	700.	
Rent (Stewardship Council)	1,000.	
Refunds — Travel	1,000.	
Additional Needed	1,200.	\$96,900.

DISBURSEMENTS

Conference Claims:

O. C. W. M. to National	\$15,750.	
Church Extension — B. H. M.	28,500.	
Church Extension — S. E. C.	8,000.	52,250.

Administrative Salaries & Expenses

22,730.

Other Expenses:

Conference Meetings	1,000.	
Insurance	750.	
Postage, Stationery	1,500.	
Promotional Materials	500.	
Southeast News	1,500.	
Salaries	4,200.	
Rent	2,700.	
Taxes	400.	
Staff Travel	5,000.	
Auto Replacement	1,500.	
Utilities	800.	
New Equipment	200.	
Miscellaneous & Contingency	1,870.	21,920.

Total Disbursement

96,900.

Brookmeade Junior High YF "Do Their Thing"

May was a busy month for Junior High YF'ers at Brookmeade Church, Nashville.

On May 2 they met at the church to play a variation of the "Cities Game", bringing their own sack lunches and drinks.

Attendance at the Sabbath Service in the Temple on Harding Road was featured on Friday, May 14, with a

and urban; conservative and liberal, white and black, larger and smaller churches, youth and age — into a more Christ-like fellowship.

How meaningful the experience was will be seen through the next months and years. Testing days are still ahead that will call for commitment such as we have not yet known. Let us grow in the grace of Jesus Christ so that "they will know we are Christians by our love."

— E. P.

period for questions afterward with Rabbi Falk.

Saturday, May 22, found them doing their bit for improved ecology. Having visited Percy Warner Park recently and found it littered with cans and papers, they decided they should clean up the place. So they did.

Gloria Laubheimer, Gary and Liz Smith are advisors for the busy group.

G. Franklin Lewis . . .

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major in the Army Reserve.

A member of the Board of Directors of Children's Hope Center and past president of the Friends of The Library, he had also participated in work of the Girl Scouts of America, the rehabilitation of prisoners, and the United Appeal.

Immediate survivors include his widow, Mrs. Frances S. Lewis, also of Montgomery, a daughter, Mrs. Joann Carter of Selma, Ala., two grandsons, also of Selma, and a brother, Arthur Lewis of Cincinnati.

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Welcome Aboard!

Bruce M. Williams has joined the staff of Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Miss., in the capacity of program director. Mr. Williams' responsibilities include supervision of the club group program, direction of the summer program (day camp, Vacation Church School, swimming groups, interest groups and supervised playground), concern for the emergency assistance program and supervision of the outreach worker, and liaison between the mission and senior high and college age work camp groups.

Mr. Williams holds a B. S. degree in Elementary Education from Central Conn. State College, New Britain, Conn. (1959) and a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. (1967).

New Orleans Association of the South Central U. C. C. Conference has recognized him as a "Commissioned Worker" and the Division of Christian Education of the U. C. B. H. M. states that he has met their standards and requirements for certification as a "Director of Christian Education."

One of Mr. Williams' special concerns is the field of early childhood education and he is presently serving a four-year term as a member of the Governing Board of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

He has been a summer camp coun-



Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper

New Hope For New Hope

Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper arrived at the New Hope Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Clio, Alabama, March 31, 1971, to live in their lovely parsonage and be full time ministers.

The first preaching service, April 4, was followed by a covered-dish meal at the church. The afternoon was spent in discussion and plans.

New Hope had been without a pastor for many months. After this meeting, people felt their spirits lifted and left the meeting with renewed new hopes.

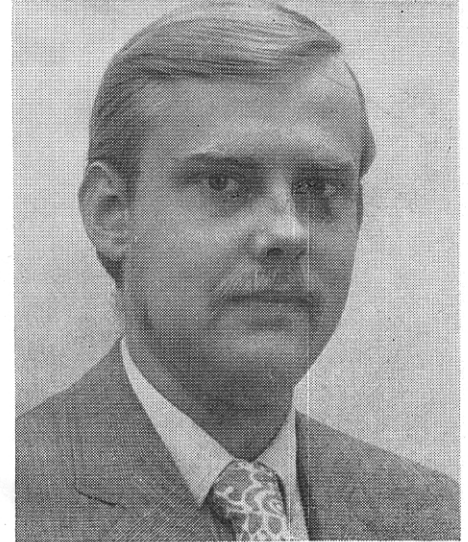
Under the leadership of Mrs. Otto Culpepper, a Women's Missionary Society was organized Wednesday, April 28, 1971.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Dewie Mae Adams; vice-president, Mrs. Katrina Adams; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Janie Teal; program committee: Mrs. Otto Culpepper, chairman, Mrs. Hilly Westenberg-er and Mrs. Doris Hagler; social committee: Mrs. Jean Kelley, Mrs. Emma Jessie Easterling, Mrs. Ida Easterling, Mrs. Maudie Bell Kelley, Mrs. Eight Shiver, and Mrs. Ruby Teal.

The New Hope Church is very much in need of a mimeograph type duplicator, either as a gift or at a very reasonable price. Contact Mrs. Bennett Teal, R. R. Arifton, Alabama.

selor, taught elementary school, served as education director for a year-round Head Start program enrolling 1,600 children. In his last employment prior to assuming this new position he served as day care worker for the Mississippi Department of Public Welfare.

Mr. Williams is married to the for-



New Head Of Georgia N. C. C. J. Named

The Rev. James A. Lindskoog recently assumed duties as the new executive director of the Georgia Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is successor to the late Dr. A. Wilson Cheek, who died in March 1971.

Lindskoog, a 28-year-old native of Chicago, Ill., has been working in Atlanta since 1967. Prior to accepting the N. C. C. J. directorship, he was assistant director of the Atlanta Community Relations Commission. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Lindskoog holds a B. A. degree in philosophy from North Park College, Chicago, and a Graduate Degree in Theology and Social Ethics from Chicago Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Patricia Lugn. They are expecting their first child in August.

EAMA Elects 1971-72 Officers

At their May meeting, held at Lannett, the East Alabama Ministerial Association U. C. C. elected the following officers: president, Warren Blankenhorn; vice-president, Joe French; secretary-treasurer, Ralph Worley; assistant secretary, E. G. Clark.

mer Marjorie George of Depue, Ill. They have two children, Brynn Heather, who is two and one-half years, and Seth Michael, who is one year old.